

## **Encourage Women to Join the Course !**

**The role of women in agriculture contributes significantly to improving the world's food supply.**

**As a stakeholder in global agricultural production and food security**

**More than half of the world's people engaged in agriculture are women, and in most developing countries, women produce two-thirds of all food.**

**However, rural women have very limited opportunities for education, social participation, technology diffusion, and access to various inputs and services such as agricultural machinery, seeds, and fertilizers.**

### **Land ownership**

Land owned by women<sup>1)</sup>  
Less than 20%<sup>2)</sup>



World Economic Forum (2020) "Global Gender Gap Report 2020"

### **Access to agricultural extension services**

Agricultural extension services<sup>1)</sup>  
available to women farmers<sup>2)</sup>  
Only 5%<sup>3)</sup>



FAO (2015) "Women, agriculture and food security"

**Knowledge Co-Creation  
Program (Group and Region  
Focus)  
Capacity Development for  
Empowerment of Rural Women**

**JICA introduces the Japanese rural development process and livelihood approaches and rural women's entrepreneurial activities and gender equality initiatives to policy makers and extension advisors involved in supporting women in developing countries.**

**The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer. (May 2024)**

**The initiative recognizes the essential role of women in agriculture and food security, while addressing gender disparities in land ownership, market access, credit, and technology.**

### **What will you do ?**

- JICA recognizes women as important stakeholders in driving economic growth.
- The door is open for applications. We at JICA encourage women to participate!